[Mr. N. John Joseph.]

(*b*) whether they have considered the question of reserving it for registration to the depressed classes?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Government have ordered that the land referred to should be disposed of in auction.

Construction of the Neriamangalam bridge.

319. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any contract is given to any person for the construction of the Neriamangalam bridge, and, if so, his name and the amount agreed upon;

(*b*) whether any, and, if so, what amount is spent in 1107 M. E., till 15-8-1107, towards the construction of the said bridge; and

(*c*) the amount of money sanctioned for the construction of the said bridge at the Budget session of this Council in 1106?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have accepted the tender offered by the General Construction Company, Madras, for the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge of 5 spans of 132 feet each with a roadway 16 feet wide at a cost of Rs. 2,62,444 excluding the road surface.

(*b*) The work has not been commenced. But a sum of Rs. 61-17-12 has been spent on account of advertisements, etc.

(*c*) One lakh of rupees.

Change of text-books.

320. **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why they have thought it necessary to change the text-book in schools this year; and

(*b*) whether any purpose is served by changing the text-books on literary subjects every year when the Government have thought it not necessary to change the Government Readers in the several classes of the vernacular schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Because language text-books for the Public Examination classes, such as the Vernacular School Leaving, Vernacular Higher, and English School Leaving Certificate Examinations, have to be changed every year, in accordance with the present practice; and, secondly, because there were complaints about the unsuitability of some of the text-books prescribed for the several classes last academical year.

(*b*) Government have not decided to change text-books every year.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ടെക്സ്റ്റ്ബുക്ക് മാറ്റുന്ന പബ്ലിക്കേഷൻ ക്ലാസുകളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം പ്രാ

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